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**United States v. Armando Estrada, CR 07-00396 WDB**

**RE: Request to continue court date from 7/23 to 8/29 for consent and change of plea**

Dear Judge Brazil:

I am writing to ask that the above-referenced case be continued from July 23, 2007, to August 29, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. for consent and change of plea. The defense needs additional time to investigate the matter. In addition, I will be out of the office from July 25, 2007 through August 13, 2007 and I understand that the Court is unavailable until August 27, 2007. Should the Court continue the matter to August 29, 2007, the parties should be prepared for a change of plea at that time. I have spoken with AUSA Shashi Kewalramani and he has no objection to moving the matter to August 29, 2007 for change of plea.

Sincerely,

**BARRY J. PORTMAN**  
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/s/

**JOYCE LEAVITT**  
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cc: Shashi Kewalramani, AUSA